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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances having been authorised by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Thirty-Ninth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

2. The Committee (1995-96) were constituted on February 4, 1995. The Committee (1996) were nominated w.e.f. February 4, 1996.

3. The Committee at their sittings held on December 7, December 19, 1995 and February 8, 1996 considered five requests (*vide* Memoranda Nos. 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122) received from the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for dropping of eight pending assurances.

4. At their sitting held on March 14, 1996 the Committee considered and adopted the draft Thirty-Ninth Report. The Minutes of the aforesaid sittings of the Committee form part of the report (Appendices).

5. The conclusions/observations of the Committee are contained in this Report.

6. The Committee also place on record their appreciations for the assistance rendered by staff and officers attached to the Committee in finalising this report.

NEW DELHI;
March 14, 1995
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BASUDEB ACHARIA
Chairman,
Committee on Government Assurances.

CHAPTER I

REQUEST FOR DROPPING OF ASSURANCES (NOT ACCEPTED AND PENDING)

(i) Citizenship to Sri Lankan Stateless Persons

1. On March 12, 1986, the following Unstarred Question No. 2479 given notice of by Sarvashri B.V. Desai and Indrajit Gupta, M.Ps, was addressed to the Minister of External Affairs:—

"(a) whether 43,000 persons of Indian origin in Sri Lanka have been granted Sri Lankan citizenship during the month of December, 1985 and January, 1986;

(b) whether the citizenship was given under the 1964 agreement between Sri Lanka and India;

(c) whether nearly 84,000 people of Indian origin have been given Indian citizenship;

(d) whether the question of 93,000 others who were categorised as stateless have not been considered for granting citizenship at all so far by the Sri Lanka Government; and

(e) if so, how many items are still pending for implementation under the 1964 agreement and when it is likely to be fully implemented?"

1.1 The then Minister of External Affairs (Shri B.R. Bhagat) gave the following reply:—

"(a) No, Sir, during the months of December 1985 and January 1986, 663 persons of Indian origin have been granted Sri Lanka citizenship.

(b) No, Sir. The 663 persons referred to in para (a) above have been granted Sri Lanka citizenship under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement of 1964.

(c) No, Sir. In terms of the accord reached between India and Sri Lanka on 15.01.86, about 85,000 Stateless persons of Indian origin, who had applied for Indian citizenship before 30.10.81 under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement of 1964 and whose applications are pending, are to be granted Indian citizenship. These applications are under consideration and being processed.

(d) As per the accord reached between India and Sri Lanka on 15.01.86, 94,000 persons, who had not applied for Indian

citizenship under the 1964 Agreement before 30.10.81, are to be granted Sri Lanka citizenship. Legislation to this effect was passed by the Sri Lanka Parliament on 31.01.86.

(e) The question of repatriation of persons who have been granted Indian citizenship is to be taken up later."

1.2 The above reply to part (c) to the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of External Affairs within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister, *i.e.* by June 11, 1986.

1.3 On 23 September, 1986, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs forwarded a request of the Ministry of External Affairs to the Committee on Government Assurances (1986-87) for dropping the assurance. The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of External Affairs at their sitting held on October 21, 1986 but did not accede to the request of the Ministry of External Affairs for dropping the assurance.

1.4 The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Pranab Mukherjee) *vide* his D.O. letter dated September 11, 1995 approached the Committee through the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. V/EA(14) USQ-2479-LS/86 dated October 31, 1995 for the dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

"The MEA have clarified that the applications made by Stateless persons are with the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka but they are not being pursued by the applicants themselves for various reasons. MEA have, therefore, sought extensions in regard to this assurance from time to time. It needs to be reiterated that the inability of the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka to grant citizenship to the applicants is not because of any delay in processing the applications on the part of the Government, or any lack of administrative infrastructure, but is due to the unwillingness and the lack of interest on the part of the people concerned to come forward and complete the procedures. It has been the experience that for various reasons, the applicants prefer to stay on in Sri Lanka for some time more. They, therefore, do not wish to acquire Indian citizenship immediately, because such acquisition would entail their having to leave Sri Lanka where they are, by and large, gainfully employed, and come back to India where their prospects may not be assured."

1.5 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of External Affairs for dropping the assurance at their sitting held on December 7, 1995 and did not agree to drop the assurance. The decision of the Committee was accordingly conveyed to the Ministry of External Affairs for compliance.

1.6 The Committee note that the then Minister of External Affairs in reply to part (c) of the question had categorically stated that about 85,000 Stateless persons of Indian origin in Sri Lanka had applied for Indian citizenship before October 1981 and that their applications were under consideration and being processed. After about a decade now, the Committee are apprised that the Stateless people are no longer pursuing their applications for various reasons.

1.7 The Committee are of the view that the Stateless people might not be pursuing their cases with the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka at present due to their gainful employment there. But they might change their mind to become Indian citizens at any time as the situation in that country is not conducive for peace and prosperity. Keeping this aspect in view, the Committee would not like to drop the assurance. Instead they desire that the Ministry of External Affairs should keep their applications pending and take necessary action when these Stateless people want to become Indian citizens.

(ii) **Cases pending with Human Rights Commission**

1.8 On August 3, 1995, the following Unstarred question No. 566 given notice of by Sri Chandresh Patel, M.P., was addressed to the Minister of Home Affairs:—

"(a) the number of cases regarding violation of Human Rights registered with the 'Human Rights Commission during 1995 so far; and

(b) the action taken in each case?"

1.9 The then Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affiars (Shri Rajesh Pilot) gave the following reply:—

"(a) National Human Rights Commission registered 5273 cases from January to 15 July, 1995.

(b) Of the above, 4840 cases have been considered by the Commission. Out of these, 1907 cases were dismissed in limini, 1410 cases were disposed of with directions to the authorities concerned to take appropriate action at their end, and in 1523 cases, reports have been called for from the concerned authorities. 433 cases are under consideration of the Commission."

1.10 The above reply to the part (b) was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister, *i.e.* by November 2, 1995.

1.11 The Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs *vide* his D.O. No. 16016/56/95-HR dated October 10, 1995 has requested for dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

"Under Section 14 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

the Commission may, for the purpose of conducting any investigation pertaining to the Enquiry utilise the services of any officer or investigation agency of the Central Government or any State Government with the concurrence of the Central Government or the State Government as the case may be. In order to facilitate the exercise of its wide ranging powers to inquire into the complaints of human rights violation, the Commission also has a Core Group of investigative staff under an officer of the rank of Director General of Police. The Core Group facilitates effective liaison with State/Central investigating agencies, processing analysis of investigation reports, etc. The investigation of cases pertaining to inquiry into the complaints of Human Rights violations is an on-going process. The Commission is receiving a number of complaints everyday requiring investigation. At any point of time there will be some cases pending for consideration of the Commission. It will, therefore, not be possible to liquidate this type of assurance...."

1.12 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs for dropping of the assurance at their sitting held on December, 19, 1955 but did not agree to drop the same. The decision of the Committee was accordingly conveyed to the Ministry of Home Affairs for compliance.

1.13 The Committee note that the Minister in his reply stated that 433 cases out of 5273 registered during the period January to July 15, 1995 regarding Violation of Human Rights were under consideration by the Human Rights Commission. The Committee feel that the Commission should have completed the investigation within three months from the date the assurance was given. But instead, the Home Ministry has chosen an easy approach to get the assurance dropped from the Committee on the grounds that the Commission is receiving a number of complaints every day requiring investigations and that at any point of time there will be some cases pending for consideration of the Commission. The Committee feel that the plea of the Ministry for dropping this assurance is not convincing.

1.14 The Committee desire that all these 1523 cases in which reports have been called for from the concerned authorities and 433 cases which are under consideration of the Commission may be disposed of quickly by the Human Rights Commission to fulfil the assurance. This Committee may also be informed about the progress made in respect of investigation carried out on these cases within two months from the date of presentation of this Report.

(iii) Floating Public Limited Companies

1.15 On May 3, 1995, the following Unstarred Question No. 4288 given notice of by Shri Shravan Kumar Patel, M.P., was addressed to the Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs:—

"(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated December 22, 1994 regarding "Rs. 42 crore Scandal Unearthed", and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the findings of the investigations made in this regard?"

1.16 The Minister of State in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Shri H.R. Bhardwaj) gave the following reply:—

"(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Criminal cases have been registered by Central Bureau of Investigation, Special Crime Branch, Calcutta, against Shri Pawan Kumar Ruia and others for alleged complicity in floating a large number of public limited companies through unscrupulous means with a view to facilitating laundering of black money into white. The CBI is still making investigation in the matter."

1.17 The above reply was treated as an assurance which was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister, *i.e.* by August 2, 1995.

1.18 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIII/LCA/(10)USQ. 4288-LS/95 dated September 19, 1995 forwarded a request of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs for dropping of the aforesaid assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The Central Bureau of Investigation has now intimated that during investigation, FIRs were registered with the Special Crime Branch, CBI Calcutta in RC No. 12 & 13/94-SCB Calcutta. The accused persons moved the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta for quashing the said FIRs on various grounds. On this petition, the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta, passed an *ex-parte* order that all further proceedings of investigation be stayed till disposal of the petition. The matter has not yet come up in the list. Therefore, investigation of the cases are under stay and are likely to be so till the final disposal of the petition."

1.19 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs for dropping of the assurance at their sitting held on February 8, 1996, but did not agree to drop the assurance and decided to pursue it. The decision of the Committee was accordingly conveyed to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs for compliance.

1.20 The Committee note that criminal cases have been registered by the Special Crime CBI, Calcutta against some persons for allegedly floating a large number of public limited companies through unscrupulous means and also that the accused persons moved the High Court of Calcutta for quashing the FIRs filed by CBI against them on various grounds. The Committee also note that Calcutta High Court has passed *ex-parte order* staying all futher proceedings of investigation till the disposal of the petition of the accused. The Committee lament that a copy of this *ex-parte order* was not furnished to them nor the action taken by the CBI to get the stay orders vacated has been amplified. The Committee feel that stay investigation in the matter till final disposal of the Miscellaneous petition is not a sufficient ground for dropping the case and thereby the assurance. On the contrary the Committee are of the view that the CBI should move the High Court of Calcutta for early hearing/disposal of this petition and apprise the Committee of the position in the form of Implementation Report.

(iv) **Atomic Power Plants with Soviet Assistance**

1.21 On 27 February, 1989, the following Unstarred Question No. 638 given notice of by Sarvashri Chintamani Jena and Gurudas Kamat, M.Ps, was addressed to the Prime Minister:—

"(a) the present position of the USSR offer to set up Atomic Power Plant in our country;

(b) by when the said proposal will be finalised;

(c) the details of terms and conditions for establishing Atomic Power Plant with the help of Soviet Union;

(d) whether any other foreign country has offered their assistance in regard to setting up of Atomic Power Plant in our country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?"

1.22 The then Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of State in the Departments of Ocean Development, Atomic Energy, Electronics and Space (Shri K.R. Narayanan) gave the following reply:—

"(a), (b) and (c): An Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and USSR for cooperation in construction of a nuclear power station, consisting of two units each of 1000 MW pressurised light water reactors was signed on November 20, 1998 and a copy of the agreement was laid on the Table of the House on November 20, 1988. Details regarding time schedule will be finalised in due course of time.

(d) and (e): France has indicated its willingness to cooperate in the setting up of nuclear power reactors in India. However, terms for such cooperation are yet to be agreed upon."

1.23 The above reply to the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister *i.e.* by May 26, 1989.

1.24 On 15 May, 1990, the Ministry of Atomic Energy approached the Committee through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIV/AE(1)USQ. 891-LS/89 for dropping of this assurance alongwith other two assurances involving French assistance on following grounds:—

> "The assurances involve delicate negotiations with the Government of USSR and France. These assurances cannot be fulfilled till these negotiations are final in all respects. It may not be possible for this Department to bring out all the complex and delicate issues involved at the present juncture in order to fulfil the assurances."

1.25 The Committee (1990-91) considered the request of the Department of Atomic Energy for dropping of these assurances at their sitting held on 11 June, 1990 and decided not to accede to the request of the Ministry.

1.26 The Committee made their observations in this regard *vide* their Eighth Report (1990-91) presented to the Lok Sabha on January 14, 1991.

1.27 On February 2, 1992, the Department of Atomic Energy again approached the Committee on Government Assurances through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIII/AE-(2)USQ-638-LS/89 dated 6.2.1992, to drop this assurance alongwith three other assurances involving French assistance on the grounds indicated below:—

> "The fulfilment of the above assurances involves the fructification of delicate bilateral negotiations between India and France in respect of French offer and between India and Soviet Union in respect of Soviet offer. The issues involved are too complicated and delicate to be laid thread bare at a public forum. A decision in the matter would only be taken by the Government of India at the most appropriate and beneficial moment. It would not serve our interest to make a public disclosure of the issues involved or the status of the negotiations. The Committee on Government Assurances has always been appreciative of national interest and the constraints of the Government in such sensitive matters. Prudence also requires that the Government does not take a public stance on such sensitive bilateral issues which could be exploited against our interests by competing international forces. Premature disclosures could also jeopardise the negotiations. If and when, anything concrete emerges, it would immediately become public knowledge, keeping in view the economic, technological and political significance of the issue. In the circumstances, it is requested that the Committee may kindly drop the above assurances."

1.28 The Committee (1992-1993) considered the request of the Department of Atomic Energy for dropping of this assurance alongwith three other assurances at their sitting held on February 17, 1992. However,

the Committee did not agree to drop this assurance. The decision of the Committee was communicated and the Department was asked to initiate action to fulfil the assurance.

1.29 The Committee made their observations in this regard *vide* Twelfth Report (1992-93) presented to the Lok Sabha on 22 April, 1993.

1.30 Again, a request of the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office incharge of the Department of Atomic Energy was received through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* U.O.Note No. XIII/ AE(1)SQ-72-LS/89 dated 19.10.95 for dropping this assurance alongwith other three assurances involving French assistance on the following grounds:—

> "In 1992 France as part of the Nuclear Suppliers Group adopted the policy of asking for Comprehensive Safeguards (Full-scope Safeguards) for nuclear co-operation. In view of this, as well as France's accession to the NPT, the possibility of finalising the terms of cooperation is not very encouraging at present. However, France has displayed some interest in nuclear power projects in India and the Department is therefore, of the opinion that the door to further discussions may be left open.
>
> An Inter-Governmental Agreement was entered into with the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1988 for construction of two nuclear power reactors with Russian collaboration. The site was selected at Kudankulam in Tamilnadu. Due to the major political and economic changes in the erstwhile Soviet Union, the Russian Federation has sought re-negotiation of the terms of the agreement. Discussions are currently on with the Russian side.
>
> The Department of Atomic Energy have been approaching the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs once in every three months seeking extension of time for fulfilling the assurances in view of the ongoing negotiations on the issue. In October 1991, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were approached to drop these assurances.
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> The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their O.M. dated 26.10.94 have forwarded the 21st Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (LOK SABHA) in which the Committee has directed the Ministry/Department to take necessary action to fulfil the pending assurances within the prescribed period and has directed the department to submit a Report in this connection to them.
>
> The fulfilment of these assurances involves negotiations between India and Russia which are presently ongoing. With France having joined the NPT and applying the somewhat stringent measures as a

member of the Nuclear Supplier's Group, it does not appear feasible to conclude negotiations to a stage of finality in the foreseeable future."

1.31 On November 20, 1995, during the Study Tour to Bombay, the Committee examined the representatives of the Department of Atomic Energy regarding this assurance.

1.32 The Committee note that some progress has been made in respect of setting up of power plant with the Soviet assistance and that Russia was willing to extend know-how and equipment to India. The Committee were also apprised that negotiation on economic terms with Russia was also likely to be resumed shortly. In view of it, the Committee decided not to drop the said assurance.

1.33 The Committee desire that Implementation Report in respect of this assurance may be submitted to the House at an early date.

CHAPTER-II

REQUEST FOR DROPPING OF ASSURANCES (ACCEPTED)

(i) French Help for Setting up Nuclear Power Plants

2.1 On 27 February, 1989, the following Unstarred Question No. 72 given notice of by Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil, M.P. was addressed to the Prime Minister:—

> "(a) whether Government of France have offered the necessary help for setting up of nuclear power plants in India;
>
> (b) if so, the details thereof; and
>
> (c) the extent to which the safeguards prescribed by the IAEA will be adhered to?"

2.2 The then Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of State in the Departments of Ocean Development, Atomic Energy, Electronics and Space (Shri K.R. Narayanan) gave the following reply:—

> "(a), (b) and (c) France has indicated its willingness to cooperate in the setting up of nuclear power reactors in India. The terms of cooperation are being negotiated between the two countries."

2.3 The above reply to the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister *i.e.* by May 26, 1989.

(ii) Setting up of Nuclear Power Plants with French Assistance

2.4 On 24 July, 1989, the following Unstarred Question No. 891 given notice of by Shri Srikantha Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar and Shrimati Kishori Sinha, M.Ps was addressed to the Prime Minister:—

"(a) whether France had made an offer to set up a nuclear power plant in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the aid and assistance offered by France;

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the policy of Government with regard to the setting up of nuclear power plants".

2.5 The then Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of State in the Departments of Ocean Development, Atomic

Energy, Electronics and Space (Shri K.R. Narayanan) gave the following reply:—

"(a) to (c) France has indicated its willingness to cooperate in the setting up of nuclear power reactors in India and the terms for cooperation are under discussion between the two countries.

(d) In view of the limited conventional energy resources, Government is committed to harnessing nuclear energy to meet the growing demand for power in the country. India's nuclear power programme envisages setting up of 10,000 MWS of installed generation capacity by the year 2000 AD, based on the indigenous technology. Any import of reactors will be additional to this programme."

2.6 The above reply to parts (a) to (c) of the question was treated as an assurances and was required to the implemented within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister *i.e.* by October 23, 1989.

2.7 On 15 May, 1990, the Ministry of Atomic Energy approached the Committee through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIV/AE(1) USQ. 891-LS/89 for dropping of these two assurances alongwith one involving Soviet assistance on following grounds:—

"The assurances involve delicate negotiations with the Government of USSR and France. These assurances cannot be fulfilled till these negotiations are final in all respects. It may not be possible for this Department to bring out all the complex and delicate issues involved at the present juncture in order to fulfil the assurances."

2.8 The Committee (1990-1991) considered the request of the Department of Atomic Energy for dropping of these assurances at their sitting held on 11 June, 1990 and decided not to accede to the request of the Ministry.

2.9 The Committee made their observations in this regard *vide* their Eighth Report (1990-91) presented to the Lok Sabha on January 14, 1991.

(iii) **Purchase of Light Water Reactors from France**

2.10 On August 27, 1990, the follwing Unstarred Question No. 3017 given notice of by Shrimati Vasundhara Raje, M.P. was addressed to the Prime Minister:—

"(a) whether Government have revived negotiations with France for the purchase of two 900 MW Light Water Reactors (LWR);

(b) if so, the terms and conditions laid down for the purchase of these two LWR earlier;

(c) whether the same terms and conditions still exist now; and

(d) if not, what are the present terms and conditions."

2.11 The then Minister of State in the Ministry of Science and Technology (Prof. M.G.K. Menon) gave the following reply:—

"(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): The terms and conditions are still under consideration and have not yet been finalised."

2.12 The above reply to parts (b) to (c) of the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister *i.e.* by November 26, 1990.

2.13 On February 2, 1992, the Department of Atomic Energy again approached the Committee on Government Assurances through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIII/AE-(2) USQ-638-LS/89 dated 6.2.1992, to drop these three assurances alongwith other assurance involving Soviet assistance on the grounds indicated below:—

> "The fulfilment of the above assurances involves the fructification of delicate bilateral negotiations between India and France in respect of French offer and between India and Soviet Union in respect of Soviet offer. The issues involved are too complicated and delicate to be laid thread bare at a public forum. A decision in the matter would only be taken by the Government of India at the most appropriate and beneficial moment. It would not serve our interest to make a public disclosure of the issues involved or the status of the negotiations. The Committee on Government Assurances has always been appreciative of national interest and the constraints of the Government in such sensitive matters. Prudence also requires that the Government does not take a public stance on such sensitive bilateral issues which could be exploited against our interests by competing international forces. Premature disclosures could also jeopardise the negotiations. If and when, anything concrete emerges, it would immediately become public knowledge, keeping in view the economic, technological and political significance of the issue. In the circumstances, it is requested that the Committee may kindly drop the above assurances."

2.14 The Committee (1992-93) considered the request of the Department of Atomic Energy for dropping of three assurances at their sitting held on February 17, 1992. However, the Committee did not agree to drop this assurance. The decision of the Committee was

communicated and the Department was asked to initiate action to fulfil the assurance.

2.15 The Committee made their observations in this regard *vide* Twelfth Report (1992-93) presented to the Lok Sabha on 22 April, 1993.

2.16 Again, a request of the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office incharge of the Department of Atomic Energy was received through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* U.O. Note No. XIII/AE(1) SQ-72-LS/89 dated 19.10.95 of dropping of all these three assurances involving French assistance on the following grounds:—

> "In 1992 France as part of the Nuclear Suppliers Group adopted the policy of asking for Comprehensive Safeguards (Full-scope Safeguards) for nuclear co-operation. In view of this, as well as France's accession to the NPT, the possibility of finalising the terms of cooperation is not very encouraging at present. However, France has displayed some interest in nuclear power projects in India and the Department is therefore, of the opinion that the door to further discussions may be left open.
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> An Inter-Governmental Agreement was entered into with the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1988 for construction of two nuclear power reactors with Russian collaboration. The site was selected at Kudankulam in Tamilnadu. Due to the major political and economic changes in the erstwhile Soviet Union, the Russian Federation has sought re-negotiation of the terms of the agreement. Discussions are currently on with the Russian side.
>
> The Department of Atomic Energy have been approaching the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs once in every three months seeking extension of time for fulfilling the assurances in view of the ongoing negotiations on the issue. In October 1991, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were approached to drop these assurances.
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> Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their O.M. dated 26.10.94 have forwarded the 21st Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (LOK SABHA) in which the Committee has directed the Ministry/Department to take necessary action to fulfil the pending assurances within the prescribed period and has directed the department to submit a Report in this connection to them.
>
> The fulfilment of these assurances involves negotiations between India and Russia which are presently ongoing. With France having joined the NPT and applying the somewhat stringent measures as a member of the Nuclear Supplier's Group, it does not appear feasible to conclude negotiations to a stage of finality in the foreseeable future."

2.17 On November 20, 1995 during the Study Tour to Bombay, the Committee examined the representatives of the Department of Atomic

Energy regarding these three pending assurances. The Committee decided to take a decision on their request for dropping of the assurances after formally considering the same in the sitting of the Committee later on.

2.18 The Committee formally considered the request of the Department of Atomic Energy for dropping of the four assurances at their sitting held on December 7, 1995.

2.19 The Committee decided to drop the following three assurances pertaining to setting up of the nuclear power plants with French assistance:—

(i) February 27, 1989 in reply to Starred Question No. 72 regarding French Help for Setting up Nuclear Power Plants;

(ii) July 24, 1989 in reply to USQ No. 891 regarding Setting up of Nuclear Power Plant with French Assistance; and

(iii) August 27, 1990 in reply to USQ 3017 regarding Purchase of Light Water Reactors from France.

(iv) Racket in Letter of Credit

2.20 On December 23, 1994, the following Unstarred Question No. 2710 given notice of by Shri Hari Kishore Singh, M.P., was addressed to the Minister of Finance:—

"(a) whether a multi crore racket in Letter of Credit has been unearthed in Assam by the CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against the guilty; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such cases?"

2.21 The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri M.V. Chandrashekara Murthy) gave the following reply:—

" (a), (b), (c) and (d) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House."

2.22 The above reply to the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months of the date of assurance given by the Minister, *i.e.* by March 22, 1995.

2.23 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XII/Fin.(58) USQ-2710-LS/94 dated September 5, 1995 forwarded a request of Ministry of Finance for dropping of the aforesaid assurance on the following grounds:—

"The matter has been examined in consultation with the CBI and Ministry of Home Affairs. According to CBI, the Assam State Government had requested them to conduct investigations relating

to over-drawal of money from the Treasury by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department of the State Government. The Ministry of Home Affairs have indicated that none of the cases being investigated points towards siphoning of funds to any insurgent group. No official of the banking sector is involved in the case on the basis of evidence available. The subject matter of the question, pertains to financial dealings through the State Treasury, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such cases and the action taken against the guilty. As the matter relates entirely to the financial dealings of the Veterinary Department of the Government of Assam and the State Treasury, the Central Government is not concerned with the subject matter in question."

2.24 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Finance for dropping of the assurance at their sitting held on February 8, 1996.

2.25 **The Committee acceded to the request of the Ministry and decided to drop the assurance as it relates to a State.**

CHAPTER III

PENDING ASSURANCES PERTAINING TO EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH LOK SABHA

3.1 During the Eighth Lok Sabha 9,022 assurances were culled out. Out of them 8969 assurances have since been implemented leaving a balance of 53 assurances to be implemented.

3.2 During the Ninth Lok Sabha 2,827 assurances were culled out. Out of them 2765 assurances have since been implemented leaving a balance of 62 assurances pending implementation.

3.3 During the Tenth Lok Sabha 8567 assurances were culled out. Out of them, 6711 assurances have been implemented leaving a balance of 1856 assurances pending implementation.

3.4 The above figures take into account the latest statements of implemented assurances laid on the Table of Lok Sabha by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on March 8, 1996.

3.5 Statements showing position of assurances pertaining to Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha are given in Annexure I. Similarly position in regard to Tenth Lok Sabha is given in Annexure II.

3.6 The Committee would like the Ministries/Departments concerned to make a critical analysis of the pending assurances so as to implement them without any further loss of time.

NEW DELHI:
March 14, 1995
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BASUDEB ACHARIA
Chairman,
Committee on Government Assurances.

APPENDIX I

MINUTES

(*Vide* para 4 of the Introduction)

Twentieth Sitting

THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1995 IN CHAIRMAN'S CHAMBER (ROOM NO. 143, THIRD FLOOR) PARLIAMENT HOUSE, NEW DELHI

The Committee met on Thursday, December 7, 1995 from 16.00 hours to 16.45 hours.

PRESENT

Shri Basudeb Acharia—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Santosh Kumar
3. Shri P.P. Kaliaperumal
4. Shri Prabhu Dayal Katheria
5. Shri V.S. Vijayaraghavan
6. Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri P.D.T. Achary — *Director*
2. Shri Mange Ram — *Under Secretary*
3. Km. J.C. Namchyo — *Committee Officer*

2. The Committee took up Memoranda No. 118 and 119 for consideration.

Memorandum No. 118: Request for dropping of assurances given on:

(i) February 27, 1989 in reply to SQ No. 72 regarding French help for setting up nuclear power plants;

(ii) February 27, 1989 in reply to USQ 638 regarding Atomic Power Plants with Soviet assistance;

(iii) July 24, 1989 in reply to USQ 891 regarding setting up of nuclear power plant with French assistance; and

(iv) August 27, 1990 in reply to USQ 3017 regarding purchase of Light Water Reactors from France.

3. The Committee considered the above request of the Department of Atomic Energy received through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs U.O. Note No. XIII/AE(1)SQ72-LS/89 dated 19.10.85 for the dropping of the assurances on the following grounds:—

> "In 1992 France as part of the Nuclear Suppliers Group adopted the policy of asking for Comprehensive safeguards (Full-scope Safeguards) for nuclear co-operation. In view of this, as well as France's accession to the NPT, the possibility of finalising the terms of cooperation is not very encouraging at present. However, France has displayed some interest in nuclear power projects in India and the Department is therefore, of the opinion that the door to further discussions may be left open."
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> "An Inter-Governmental Agreement was entered into the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1988 for construction of two nuclear power reactors with Russian collaboration. The site was selected at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu. Due to the major political and economic changes in the erstwhile Soviet Union, the Russian Federation has sought re-negotiation of the terms of the agreement. Discussion are currently on with the Russian side.
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> The Department of Atomic Energy have been approaching the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs once in every three months seeking extension of time for fulfilling the assurances in view of the ongoing negotiations on the issue. In October 1991, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were approached to drop these assurances.
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> Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their O.M. dated 26.10.94 have forwarded the 21st Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (Lok Sabha) in which the Committee has directed the Ministry/Department to take necessary action to fulfil the pending assurances within the prescribed period and has directed the department to submit a Report in this connection to them.
>
> The fulfilment of these assurances involves negotiations between India and Russia which are presently ongoing. With France having joined the NPT and applying the somewhat stringent measures as a Member of the Nuclear Supplier's Group, it does not appear feasible to conclude negotiations to a stage of finality in the foreseeable future."

3.1 In view of the position explained by the representatives of the Department of Atomic Energy to the Committee during their study tour to Bombay on 20.11.1995, the Committee decided to drop the following three assurances:—

(i) Assurance given on February 27, 1989 in reply to SQ 72 regarding French Help for Setting up Nuclear Power Plants;

(ii) Assurance given on February 27, 1989 in reply to USQ No. 891 regarding Setting up of Nuclear Power Plant with French assistance; and

(iii) Assurance given on August 27, 1990 in reply to USQ 3017 regarding Purchase of Light Water Reactors from France.

3.2 The Committee however, decided to pursue the following assurance as it was reported that some progress had been made in getting assistance from Russia in respect of transfer of know-how and the equipment to India for setting up an Atomic Power Plant:—

"Assurance given on February 27, 1989 in reply to USQ No. 638 regarding Atomic Power Plant with Soviet Assistance."

Memorandum No. 119: Request for dropping of assurance given on 12 March, 1986 in reply to Unstarred Question No. 2479 regarding Citizenship to Sri Lankan Stateless Persons.

4. The Committee thereafter considered the above request of the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Pranab Mukherjee) *vide* his D.O. letter dated September 11, 1995 forwarded through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. V/EA(14)USQ-2479-LS/86 dated October 31, 1995 for the dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

"The MEA have clarified that the applications made by Stateless persons are with the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka but they are not being pursued by the applicants themselves for various reasons. MEA have, therefore, sought extensions in regard to this assurance from time to time. It needs to be reiterated that the inability of the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka to grant citizenship to the applicants is not because of any delay in processing the applications on the part of the Government, or any lack of administrative infrastructure, but is due to the unwillingness and the lack of interest on the part of the people concerned to come forward and complete the procedures. It has been the experience that for various reasons, the applicants prefer to stay on in Sri Lanka for some time more. They, therefore, do not wish to acquire Indian citizenship immediately, because such acquisition would entail their having to leave Sri Lanka where they are, by and large, gainfully employer, and come back to India where their prospects may not be assured."

4.1 After detailed discussions, the Committee decided not to drop the assurance but to keep it alive so that the Ministry of External Affairs could watch the interest of 85,000 Stateless persons of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka who on some future date might like to return to India and might not face difficulty in getting Indian citizenship. The Committee have, therefore, decided that the Ministry should seek extension of time from the Committee for the present.

5. The Committee also reviewed the progress made regarding examination of assurances during their study tour to Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bombay and Goa *w.e.f.* November 14 to November 23, 1995. The Chairman informed the Committee that out of 19 assurances that were examined by the Committee during the Study Tour, six assurances have been implemented by the respective Ministries/Departments (detailed in *Annexure-III*) and that the statements laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 29.11.1995 have been found in order. The Committee were also informed that the Implementation Report in respect of another seven assurances is likely to be laid on the Table of the House soon. The Committee expressed satisfaction that the impact of the tour had been very impressive and effective on the organisation and the concerned Ministries/Departments.

6. The Committee, thereafter, decided to hold their next sitting some time during the next week. The Committee authorised the Chairman to fix a date for the next sitting.

7. *The Committee then adjourned.*

APPENDIX II

(*Vide* Para 4 of the Introduction)

MINUTES

Twenty-First Sitting

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 1995 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 'C', PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI.

The Committee met on Tuesday, December 19, 1995 from 15.00 hours to 16.00 hours. The following Members were present:—

PRESENT

Shri Basudeb Acharia — *Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Vishveshwar Bhagat
3. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar
4. Shri Prabhu Dayal Katheria
5. Shri Shashi Prakash
6. Shri J. Chokka Rao
7. Shri Asht Bhuja Prasad Shukla
8. Shri V.S. Vijayaraghavan

SECRETARIAT

1. Smt. Rewa Nayyar— *Joint Secretary*
2. Shri P.D.T. Achary— *Director*
3. Shri Mange Ram — *Under Secretary*
4. Km. J.C. Namchyo— *Committee Officer*

2. The Committee considered the draft Thirty-Sixth Report of the Committee and adopted the same. The Committee authorised the Chairman to present the Report during the Current Winter Session.

3. The Commitee took up Memorandum No. 120 for consideration.

Memorandum No. 120: Request for dropping of assurance given on August 3, 1995 in reply to USQ No. 566 regarding Human Rights Commission.

4. The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs *vide* D.O. letter No. 16016/50/95/HR dated October 10, 1995 for dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

"Under Section 14 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

the Commission may, for the purpose of conducting any investigation pertaining to the Enquiry utilise the services of any officer or investigation agency of the Central Government or any State Government with the concurrence of the Central Government or the State Government as the case may be. In order to facilitate the exercise of its wide ranging powers to inquire into the complaints of human rights violation, the Commission also has a Core Group of investigative staff under an officer of the rank of Director General of Police. The Core Group facilitates effective liaison with State/Central investigating agencies, processing/ analysis of investigation Reports, etc. The investigation of cases pertaining to inquiry into the complaints of Human Rights Violations is an on-going process. The Commission is receiving a number of complaints everyday requiring investigation. At any point of time there will be some cases pending for consideration of the Commission. It will, therefore, not be possible to liquidate this type of assurance..."

4.1 The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance. The Committee also decided that the investigations in respect of 438 cases might be completed soon by the Human Rights Commission.

5. The Committee decided to undertake an on the spot Study Tour to Calcutta, Sikkim, Shillong & Gauhati in the 3rd week of January, 1996. The Committee decided to hold their next sitting on Thursday, December 21, 1995 at 15.00 hours for the purpose of taking oral evidence of the Ministry of Communications.

6. The Committee then adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

APPENDIX III

(Vide para 4 of the Introduction)

MINUTES

First Sitting

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 1996 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 'E', PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI.

The Committee met on Thursday, February 8, 1996 from 15.00 hours to 16.00 hours.

PRESENT

Shri Basudeb Acharia — *Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar
3. Shri P.P. Kaliaperumal
4. Shri Shashi Prakash
5. Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad
6. Shri Asht Bhuja Prasad Shukla
7. Shri Ummareddy Venkateswarlu

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri P.D.T. Achary —*Director*
2. Ms. J.C. Namchyo —*Committee Officer*

2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the first sitting of the Committee on their renomination to the Committee and appreciated the co-operation the Members extended during the previous term of the Committee.

3. Thereafter, the Chairman apprised the Committee about the good impact on the concerned Ministries/Departments/Undertakings during their Study Tour to Calcutta, Gangtok, Guwahati and Shillong *w.e.f.* January 15 to January 22, 1996. The Chairman also informed that the Committee examined in all 17 assurances (2 implemented and 15 pending assurances) as per the details given in *Annexure IV* during the Study Tour. The Committee, however, was not satisfied with one implemented assurance and 3 out of the 6 advance implementation reports, examined during the Study Tour and decided to treat all the 4 as partly implemented.

4. The Committee, thereafter, took up for consideration Memoranda Nos. 121 and 122 for their consideration.

Memorandum No. 121: Request for dropping of assurance given on December 23, 1994 in reply to the USQ. No. 2710 regarding Racket in Letter of Credit.

5. The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Finance received through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XII/Fin. (58)—USQ-2710-LS/94 dated September 5, 1995 for the dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The matter has been examined in consultation with the CBI and Ministry of Home Affairs. According to CBI the Assam State Government had requested them to conduct investigations relating to over-drawal of money from the Treasury by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department of the State Government. The Ministry of Home Affairs have indicated that none of the cases being investigated points towards siphoning of funds to any insurgent group. No official of the banking sector is involved in the case on the basis of evidence available. The subject matter of the question, pertains to financial dealings through the State Treasury, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such cases and the action taken against the guilty. As the matter relates entirely to the financial dealings of the Veterinary Department of the Government of Assam and the State Treasury, the Central Government is not concerned with the subject matter in question."

5.1 The Committee acceded to the request of the Ministry and decided to drop the assurance as it related to a State.

Memorandum No. 122: Request for dropping of assurance given on May 3, 1995 in reply to the USQ. No. 4288 regarding Floating Public Limited Companies.

6. The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs received through the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs *vide* their U.O. Note No. XIII/LCA(10)-USQ-4288-LS/95 dated September 19, 1995 for the dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "The Central Bureau of Investigation has now intimated that during investigation FIRs registered with the Special Crime Branch, CBI Calcutta in RC No. 12 & 13/94-SCB Calcutta. The accused persons moved the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta for quashing the said FIRs on various grounds. On this petition, the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta, passed an *ex-parte* order that all further proceedings of investigation be stayed till disposal of the petition. The matter has not yet come up in the list. Therefore, investigation of the cases are under stay and are likely to be so till the final disposal of the petition."

6.1 The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance as the matter is *sub-judice*. The Committee desired that the decision of the Calcutta High Court on final disposal of the petition might be submitted as and when passed in the shape of the Implementation Report.

7. The Committee, thereafter, decided to hold their next sittings on Tuesday, February 20th, 1996 at 11.00 hours and 15.00 hours respectively.

8. *The Committee then adjourned.*

APPENDIX IV

MINUTES

Fourth Sitting

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES HELD ON MARCH 14, 1996 IN ROOM NO. '62' PARLIAMENT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

The Committee met on Thursday, March 14, 1996 from 15.00 hours to 15.30 hours.

PRESENT

Shri Basudeb Acharia — *Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Vishveswar Bhagat
3. Shri Shashi Prakash
4. Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad
5. Shri Asht Bhuja Prasad Shukla

SECRETARIAT

Shri Mange Ram — *Under Secretary*
Km. J.C. Namchyo — *Committee Officer*

2. The Committee considered and adopted their draft Thirty Ninth Report.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE I

(*Vide* para 3.5 of the Report)

Statement showing the position of the assurances pending implementation as on March 8, 1996

Lok Sabha	No. of Assurances culled out	No. of Assurances implemented/ dropped	No. of Assurances outstanding
Eighth Lok Sabha (1984—1989)	9022	8969	53
Ninth Lok Sabha (1989—1991)	2827	2765	62
Total	11849	11734	115

ANNEXURE-II

(*Vide* para 3.5 of the Report)

Statement showing the position of the assurances of Tenth Lok Sabha pending implementation as on March 8, 1996

Session	No. of Assurances culled out	No. of Assurances implemented/ dropped	No. of Assurances outstanding
First Session, 1991	867	825	42
Second Session, 1991	603	571	32
Third Session, 1992	1123	1053	70
Fourth Session, 1992	596	546	50
Fifth Session, 1992	448	408	40
Sixth Session, 1993	900	816	84
Seventh Session, 1993	491	421	70
Eighth Session, 1993	364	306	58
Ninth Session, 1994	660	527	133
Tenth Session, 1994	25	23	2
Eleventh Session, 1994	503	382	121
Twelfth Session, 1994	290	193	97
Thirteenth Session, 1995	729	437	292
Fourteenth Session, 1995	371	168	203
Fifteenth Session, 1995	414	35	379
Sixteenth Session, 1996	183	—	183
	8567	6711	1856

ANNEXURE III

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE WHILE ON STUDY TOUR TO JAIPUR, JODHPUR, UDAIPUR, BOMBAY AND GOA w.e.f. 14.11.1995 to 23.11.1995.

	Details	Ministry/ Department	Position	Remarks
1.	USQ No. 4097 dated 2.5.95 regarding gauge Conversion	Ministry of Railways	Pending	Promised that assurance will be implemented by 31.12.1995.
2.	USQ No. 5534 dated 12/15.5.1995 regarding Loans to Farmers by Banks.	Ministry of Finance	Implemented on 29.11.1995	
3.	USQ No. 4577 dated 5.5.95 regarding Project Loans by Financial Institutions.	Ministry of Finance	Implemented on 29.11.95	
4.	USQ No. 8351 dated 2.6.1995 regarding Employment to the Unemployed Youth in Diamond Cutting Industry.	Ministry of Labour	Implemented on 29.11.95	
5.	USQ No. 5811 dated 16.5.1995 regarding Educational Development in Rajasthan.	Department of Education	Pending	Required information will be submitted to the Committee soon and the assurance will be implemented by 31.1.1996
6.	USQ No. 6846 dated 23.5.95 regarding Utilisation of Funds for Forest Development.	Ministry of Environment & Forests	Pending	Information is awaited from the Ministry of Rural Development, National Afforestation and Eco Development Board etc.
7.	USQ No. No. 8337 dated 2.6.1995 regarding Bids from International Banks for Purchase of Aircraft.	Department of Civil Aviation	Pending	Sought extension upto January, 1996.
8.	USQ No. 712 datede 1620.3.95 regarding Floating a New Company in Joint Venture for Oil Exploration.	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Implemented on 29.11.95	

Details	Ministry/ Department	Position	Remarks
9. USQ No. 768 dated 16.3.95 regarding LPG throgh Pipeline	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Pending	The project is very costly. The underground LPG pipeline is not conducive to the condition of the country.
10. USQ No. 7362 dated 26.5.95 regarding Direct Financing of Project by NABARD.	Ministry of Finance	Pending	The Ministry has decided to take a positive decision as desired by the Committee but the approval will be for a specific project only.

ANNEXURE IV

DECISION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE WHILE ON STUDY TOUR TO CALCUTTA, GANGTOK, GUWAHATI AND SHILLONG w.e.f. 15.1.1996 to 22.1.1996.

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Remarks
1. USQ. No. 1603 dated 11.8.1995 regarding Unauthorised Tea Gardens in West Bengal.	Commerce	Advance implementation report treated as partly implemented.
2. USQ. No. 605 dated 25.2.1993 regarding New Comprehensive and Liberalised Compensation Package for the coustees of Coal Projects.	Coal	Extension granted.
3. USQ. No. 8256 dated 5.5.1989 and USQ. No. 633 dated 21.7.1989 regarding Central Taxation in Sikkim.	Finance	Extension granted in both the cases.
4. Assurance given during General discussion on Railway Budget on 25.7.1991 regarding Redeployment of Contract Workers in Steam to Locomotives who handle Coal and Ash.	Railways	Advance implementation report not accepted.
5. USQ. No. 4097 dated 2.5.1995 regarding Gauge Conversion.	Railways	Extension granted.
6. USQ. No. 7890 dated 30.5.1995 regarding Rail Link upto Agartala.	Railways	Extension granted.
7. Supplementary by Sh. Ramvilas Paswan, M.P. on SQ. No. 301 dated 25.4.1995 regarding Railway Line upto Agartala.	Railways	Extension granted.
8. USQ. No. 3126 dated 24.8.1995 regarding Allocation of Gas for Power Projects.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Implementation report accepted.
9. USQ. No. 691 dated 16/20.3.1995 regarding Privatisation of Public Undertakings.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	Advance Implementation report accepted.
10. USQ. No. 859 dated 4.8.1995 regarding Waiving of Outstanding Loans by Banks.	Finance	Extension granted.

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Remarks
11. USQ. No. 1616 dated 16.8.1995 regarding Bank Branches closed in rural areas.	Finance	Advance Implementation report accepted.
12. SQ. No. 5576 dated 15.5.1995 regarding Motor Accident Claims.	Finance	Implementation report treated as partly implemented.
13. USQ. No. 175 dated 11.8.1995 regarding Duty Free Shops.	Tourism	Advance Implementation report accepted.
14. USQ. No. 2709 dated 22.8.1995 regarding linking of Salt Lake and Ramrajatala under Metro Railway Project.	Railways	Extension granted.
15. USQ. No. 2814 dated 22.8.1995 regarding Employment on Compassionate Grounds.	Railways	Advance Implementation report accepted.
16. USQ. No. 3501 dated 25.8.1995 regarding Expenses on Security of Airports.	Civil Aviation	Extension granted.